



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventorship.....Hernandez-Valencia  
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Title: Mapping of Block-Encoded Data Formats onto a Bit/Byte Synchronous  
Transport Medium

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2005**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" beginning on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.